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## **UDOT Workshops to Help Businesses TravelWise During I-15 Construction**

*UDOT, Local Chambers of Commerce to Host Events in Provo-Orem, Spanish Fork-Springville and American Fork-Pleasant Grove*

**SALT LAKE CITY** (March 25, 2010) –The Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) in cooperation with local chambers of commerce is hosting a series of TravelWise workshops to help businesses prepare employees, customers and business operations for the I-15 Corridor Expansion (I-15 CORE), which will restore and expand the interstate from Lehi to Spanish Fork.

The first workshop will be held in partnership with the Utah Valley Chamber of Commerce Tuesday, March 30, 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the Provo Health and Justice Building, 151 S. University Ave., Suite 1600. Additional workshops include the following:

- Spanish Fork- and Springville-area businesses, Tuesday, April 6, 8 a.m. to 10 a.m., Spanish Fork Fair Grounds, High Chaparral Room, 475 S. Main St.
- American Fork-, Pleasant Grove- and Lindon-area businesses, Wednesday, April 7, 8 a.m. to 10 a.m., American Fork City Hall, 31 North Church St.

“There will be significant delays at various times throughout the project especially during the first five months of construction,” said Dal Hawks, I-15 CORE project director. “We need everyone’s cooperation, especially those in the business community, to TravelWise, help minimize inconvenience and keep traffic moving.”

The TravelWise workshops, which coincide with the start of preliminary work on I-15 CORE, will provide business leaders with construction coping strategies ranging from teleworking and employing flexible work hours to using carpool and vanpool programs. Project communication tools will also be presented to help businesses stay informed of the most up-to-date construction and closure information.

Additionally, UDOT will provide an overview of the project, key contacts on the project team, and information regarding initial work locations and upcoming closures and delays.

I-15 CORE adds two additional freeway lanes from Lehi to Spanish Fork, extends the Express Lane from University Parkway in Orem to Spanish Fork and rebuilds and reconfigures 10 freeway interchanges. UDOT will also replace and restore 55 bridges, pave the entire corridor using 40-year concrete pavement and improve safety. Anticipated completion of construction is late December 2012.

For more information about I-15 CORE and to sign up for ongoing updates, visit [udot.utah.gov/i15core](http://udot.utah.gov/i15core).

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